

No-Cost, Hands-On Assistance to Apply for WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects

WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects (DRP) is intended for projects that improve the ability of a water manager to continue to deliver water and power during a drought and should decrease vulnerabilities and costs of drought.

Eligible Projects Include:

- Constructing stormwater capture and reuse systems, including green stormwater infrastructure solutions such as rain gardens, cisterns, and bioswales
- Installing residential graywater and rain catchment systems
- Assessing water quality with respect to the level of drought to determine appropriate measures to protect water quality for fish and wildlife, agriculture, and human consumption
- Developing water budgets and tiered pricing programs that incentivize decreased consumptive use

Who's Eligible to Apply?

WaterSMART grants are open to states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations (including state, regional, or local authorities) with water or power delivery authority in the Western US, as well as nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with any of these entities.

Federal Funding Amount:

- Up to \$5 million for projects that can be completed within 2-3 years
- Applicants must be able to commit to a minimum of 50% cost-share of total project cost

WaterNow provides **free support to Colorado** entities applying for WaterSMART grants, including:

- 1-on-1 call to discuss grant opportunities and to strategize next steps
 - Targeted research tasks related to your application
 - Guidance on USBR grant submission processes
 - Application and budget templates
 - Detailed review of your application
- *Please note that WaterNow is not able to write/draft WaterSMART applications*
- And more! We'll work with you to determine what types of application of support would be most useful for your organization

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our **WaterSMART Grant Application Support & Help Desk!**

Ready for assistance with your application? Complete [this Google Form](#) and we'll be in touch!

WaterNow Alliance is an independent, non-profit that receives philanthropic funding to support Colorado water providers to apply for WaterSMART funding. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation implements the WaterSMART program, and makes all final grant decisions. We are not affiliated with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in any way.